

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 26, 1998 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; TONI NELSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SAM CHASTAIN, Community Services Administrator; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; MICHAEL KATTERMANN, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning; JIM SHEPHERD, Facilities Director; LESLEY NISHIHARA, Planning Technician; JANA HUERTER, Principal Planner; STEVE DENISON, System Analyst; JULIE BREWER, Publications Secretary; COMMANDER DENNIS GERBER, Police Department.

PRESS

Elizabeth Parker, *Renton Reporter*

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Finance City of Renton Web Site Update

Steve Denison, System Analyst, explained that the creation of the City of Renton's web site is being accomplished in three phases. The first phase produced a rather conventional site design. The second phase, launched at the beginning of this month, has resulted in a site that is more interactive and user-friendly. The third phase will involve greater participation by City departments and additional interactive features.

Julie Brewer, Publications Secretary, demonstrated the main options contained on the web site's home page, as follows: Search, Spotlight, Site Index, Mayor, City Council, Departments, Employment, Download and Comments. Responding to Councilman Parker, Ms. Brewer said eventually, all departments will assume responsibility for updating the information contained on their respective pages.

Mr. Parker noted that some jurisdictions promote points of interest or tourist attractions in their web sites. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington replied that the Renton Chamber of Commerce is working on a site that will include this type of information. The municipal web site could then be linked to the chamber's site for the convenience of those seeking such information.

Councilman Corman suggested that the City's web site address be included on its printed stationery. The address could also be advertised via "CitySource," Renton's monthly newsletter to its citizens.

APPEAL

Appeal Carport Setback
Variance Request, 2308 SE
19th St, Williams (AAD-
97-166)

Terry and Gina Williams appealed the Hearing Examiner's decision denying the appeal from an administrative decision regarding a request for a carport setback variance at 2308 SE 19th St. (AAD-97-166).

**Planning & Development
Committee**

Appeal Carport Setback
Variance Request, 2308 SE
19th St, Williams (AAD-
97-166)

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the appeal of Terry and Gina Williams regarding the denial of their application for a variance for the location of a carport on their premises. The subject property is located at 2308 SE 19th St. Terry and Gina Williams appealed the decision of the Hearing Examiner dated December 11, 1997. The original application sought a variance from the setback requirements for the location of a carport on the subject property. The Zoning Administrator had denied the request for a variance. The Hearing Examiner affirmed the decision of the Zoning Administrator. This appeal followed. The Committee did not find a substantial error of fact or law. The Committee therefore recommended that the City Council affirm the decisions of the Zoning Administrator and the Hearing Examiner. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Development Services
Construction Mitigation
Measures (Formerly SEPA)

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the proposal to add construction mitigation measures to the Development Standards Codes.

Lesley Nishihira, Planning Technician, explained that the proposal would codify State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) mitigation measures that are regularly imposed on land use projects. The changes are expected to reduce the number of mitigations placed on projects while ensuring a more efficient and consistent level of project review. Applicants would benefit significantly by having more information about required development standards earlier in the process, and thus greater predictability on their projects.

Continuing, Ms. Nishihira said the changes affect various standards, including permitted work hours, haul routes, temporary erosion control, refuse requirements and associated screening detail plans, and final wetlands mitigation plans.

Audience comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 32 for Planning & Development Committee report on this subject.)

Development Services
Temporary Dwellings for
Medical Hardships

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider

the proposal to allow recreational vehicles in residential areas as temporary dwellings in cases of medical hardship.

Jana Huerter, Principal Planner, explained that Renton currently allows manufactured homes to serve as temporary dwellings in cases of medical hardship, and the proposal is to expand this permission to include park trailers and recreational vehicles. The dwellings would have to meet certain requirements, including hooking up to sanitary sewer, water and power, and comply with development standards in each zone. They would be allowed in certain residential zones only.

Responding to Councilman Corman, Ms. Huerter said the dwellings would be required to have smoke detectors.

Audience comment was invited.

Correspondence was read from Joanne Keenan, 2101 Redmond Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, supporting this proposal as it would allow her to care for her mother, who is physically unable to live alone.

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, also supported the proposal, noting that it would provide for the necessary close proximity needed in certain cases while preserving a degree of independence for the persons involved.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 32 for Planning & Development Committee report on this subject.)

Legal Moratorium on Adult Book Stores

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the proposal to extend the moratorium on the permitting of adult bookstores within specific geographical areas for another six months.

Mike Kattermann, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning, advised that Council imposed a six-month moratorium on the permitting of adult bookstores in July, and the question before it tonight is whether the moratorium should be extended for another six months. Staff is requesting the moratorium be extended so it can continue to research this issue.

Assistant City Attorney Zanetta Fontes explained that staff has so far identified 14 studies which address issues such as the effect of adult-oriented businesses on the number of offenses and assaults in neighboring communities. Many questions remain unanswered, however, including the possible effects that a concentration of adult-oriented businesses might have. Staff is also researching the possibility of restricting the hours these types of businesses can operate, and what effects, if any, such restrictions might have.

Ms. Fontes added that in the last six months, no one has sought a business license for an adult bookstore in Renton.

Councilman Corman suggested that staff research Renton's own statistics on the number of police calls made in the area surrounding the adult bookstore in the Highlands before and after that business opened. Ms. Fontes replied that because the material from the bookstore is taken off-site by customers, the calls

for service to the bookstore will not necessarily provide meaningful information.

Audience comment was invited.

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, urged Council to extend the moratorium, saying that these types of businesses should not be able to locate near schools, churches or private residences. Adding that communities need to be able to maintain standards and refuse the degradation of their neighborhood, she asserted that negative secondary effects arising from the adult bookstore in the Highlands are numerous and ongoing. Ms. Carlson warned that a self-proclaimed pornography "superstore" was recently opened in Tacoma, and its owner has declared his intention of opening similar stores elsewhere in the Puget Sound region. She felt that Renton would not want such a store within its jurisdiction.

Phil Beckley, 655 Ferndale Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, said he has lived in the Highlands for 41 years and was now actively helping to picket the adult bookstore which opened in this area last year. He felt this type of use should not be located in certain areas in the interest of preserving quality of life. Mr. Beckley asked that Renton focus its attentions on this issue and move forward to adopt an appropriate ordinance regulating adult-oriented businesses.

Gale Wright, 1033 Sunset Blvd. NE #11, Renton, 98056, asked that the City continue the moratorium to support and respect the Highlands community.

Marie West, 903 Olympia Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, said while she agreed with the free speech provisions contained in the First Amendment, she felt that adult-oriented businesses should be regulated through zoning. Ms. West asserted that the adult bookstore in the Highlands has negatively affected her property values.

Geri Warner, 2207 NE 7th St., Renton, 98056, also supported continuance of the moratorium, claiming that an interest in pornography can lead people to commit crimes, some of them horrible.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THIS ISSUE. CARRIED.

Resolution #3300

Legal Moratorium on Adult Book Stores

A resolution was read extending a moratorium on the permitting of adult bookstores, as defined and within specific geographical areas, and establishing a termination date for the moratorium. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted

included:

- * The Army Corps of Engineers Cedar River dredging project is scheduled to begin June 15, 1998.
- * Christmas Giving Trees located at City Hall, the Community Center and Maplewood Golf Course resulted in 96 individuals and 15 families receiving toys, clothing, food and even furniture.
- * The City of Renton, in partnership with the Salvation Army, is again sponsoring the Renton Emergency Assistance Program whereby residents may donate money for those needing help meeting the obligations of their utility bill.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment
DeMastus - Harassment of
Highlands Residents

Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, reported that disabled and elderly residents in her neighborhood are being harassed daily by several McKnight students who pass through the area on their way home from school. Ms. DeMastus said the harassment includes trespassing and vandalism.

Councilmember Nelson suggested that the City cooperate with the School District to address this problem.

Citizen Comment Blakley -
Building Moratorium
Request (Newcastle Hook)

Karin Blakley, 2112 NE 50th St., Renton, 98056, asked the City to impose a 60-day building moratorium on the "hook" property approved by the Renton last year for deannexation to Newcastle, pending that jurisdiction's annexation of the area. She explained she was seeking the moratorium to prevent development that would be inconsistent with Newcastle's expected zoning for this area. If Renton declines to adopt a moratorium by next week, she asked for some sort of an emergency interim administrative procedure that would accomplish the same goal. Ms. Blakley conveyed that Newcastle today sent a letter of intent to annex this property to the Boundary Review Board.

Mayor Tanner noted that although Renton agreed to deannex this property last November, the City of Newcastle has yet to officially act on this issue.

Ms. Blakley responded this was due, in part, to the fact that last November's elections brought three new members to Newcastle's City Council. Newcastle has a new mayor now as well.

Mayor Tanner replied that in the absence of formal action from the City of Newcastle, Renton's administration has no governmental interest in imposing a moratorium. He noted that taking this action would effectively downzone all the property in the "hook" area.

Councilman Parker suggested that rather than seeking further action from the City of Renton, Ms. Blakley should instead be urging the City of Newcastle to address this issue. He added that moratoriums are tools of emergency, and this situation did not appear to be disastrous from Renton's point of view.

Citizen Comment Florian -
Building Moratorium
Request (Newcastle Hook)

Mike Florian, 2120 NE 50th St., Renton, 98056, also asked that Council impose a building moratorium in the "hook" area. Saying he believed this area will be annexed by Newcastle, he feared that one resident seeks to monetarily gain from this situation by developing his property

according to the higher density zoning available under Renton's jurisdiction.

Responding to Councilman Corman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman confirmed that the City of Renton did receive a short plat application from the person referred to by Mr. Florian. In reviewing the title, a question was raised as to whether the applicant was acting in good faith with the owner of the property. The file was subsequently closed and there is no active application at this time.

In response to Councilman Parker, Mr. Zimmerman said if a development application was vested in the City of Renton before the land was transferred to the City of Newcastle, the development would proceed according to negotiations between the two jurisdictions.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler asked about the difference in zoning between Renton and Newcastle. Mike Kattermann, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning, said presuming that Newcastle would zone this area R-4, the density would be comparable to that of Renton's R-5 zone, given the disparity between gross and net densities.

Mayor Tanner explained that one reason Newcastle has not acted on this issue is because it was attempting to get Renton to agree to deannex more property than just the "hook" area.

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler, Assistant City Attorney Fontes affirmed there may be some merit to imposing a moratorium, given that the properties will, in all likelihood, change jurisdiction from Renton to Newcastle. From Newcastle's perspective, then, a moratorium would be preferable to having any new development go forward according to Renton's regulations.

Mayor Tanner said if the City of Newcastle formally accepts the property according to the resolution Renton adopted, and does not try to increase the amount of territory involved, he would recommend that Renton cooperate in any way that is legal.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington noted that the property in question is scheduled to change hands on February 6th, hence Ms. Blakley's concern about the timing of these events.

Council President Edwards added that the City of Newcastle should also formally request that Renton impose a moratorium. Chief Administrative Officer Covington replied that Newcastle staff requested this last month, but the Newcastle City Council has not yet acted on any aspect of this matter.

Councilman Corman commented that if another Renton citizen came forward with a request for a moratorium to prevent a proposed development from happening, Council would not be able to do this. Rather, the usual process would be undertaken whereby the development would be evaluated for adherence to regulations, and its approval could be appealed by interested parties. Mr. Corman noted that these mechanisms exist for all properties in Renton, and while not as simple as a moratorium, they comprise the same protections afforded to all Renton citizens.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler suggested that the Administration and the City Attorney look into whether another remedy is available that would not require a moratorium.

Councilman Parker cautioned against becoming involved in a dispute between neighbors, which he felt would not be fair.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. Council President Edwards noted the addition of two items awarding contracts for construction projects. At the request of a Councilmember, item 9.d. was removed for separate consideration.

Appointment Transit
Advisory Board

Mayor Tanner appointed Barbara Horton, 20613 SE 291st Pl., Kent, 98042, to the Transit Advisory Board. Council concur.

Vacation Kirkland Pl NE
(Keller/Abrahamson, VAC-
97-007)

City Clerk submitted petition to vacate the east 18 feet of Kirkland Pl. NE (2000 block); request submitted on 11/21/97 by Barton G. Treece, Jr., 320 - 2nd Ave. S., Kirkland, representing Russell L. Keller and Norman Abrahamson (VAC-97-007). Refer to Board of Public Works; set public hearing on February 16, 1998, to take testimony on the proposal. (See page 33 for resolution setting the public hearing.)

City Clerk Quarterly
Contract List, 10/97 to
12/97

City Clerk submitted Quarterly Contract List for the period of October 1 to December 31, 1997; 47 contracts totaling \$2,999,132.60. Information.

Court Case 98-002, Palka v
Renton

Court Case filed by Terry L. Paine, 1702 S. 72nd, Tacoma, representing Adam and Eva Palka, claiming damages in the amount of \$12,443 to personal property incurred 11/29/94 when water from a heavy rainstorm flooded their residence. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Court Case 98-003,
Performance Mtg v Renton

Court Case filed by Stephen J. Crane, 701 Fifth Ave., Seattle, on behalf of Performance Mortgage, Inc., regarding the plaintiff's attempt to develop a 1.89 acre parcel at 570 Bronson Pl. NE into a seven-lot short plat and the need for access via City-owned property. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Court Case 98-004,
Summit Park Homeowners
Association v Renton

Court Case filed by Michael T. Watkins, 2025 First Ave., Seattle, representing Summit Park Homeowners' Association, claiming damages in the amount of \$6,952 to personal property incurred 3/27/96 when a sewer backup occurred. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Development Services NE
4th St Removal of
Restrictive Covenants,
Feighner/Dochwahl

Development Services Division submitted request from George Feighner and Dennis Dochnahl for removal of restrictive covenants imposed in 1985 on properties located on the south side of NE 4th St., east of Union Ave. NE, as the covenants are no longer necessary. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Finance Authorized
Banking Signatures

Finance and Information Services Department requested approval of resolution authorizing signatures for depositories and electronic fund transfers on behalf of and in the name of the City of Renton. Council concur. (See page 33 for resolution.)

Police Evidence Items
Converted to City Use

Police Department requested approval of items taken as evidence and subsequently converted to City use. Council concur.

CAG 97-061, Oakesdale
Ave SW Extension
Construction Mgmt
Services, Kato & Warren

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to CAG-97-061, contract with Kato & Warren, Inc., for the Oakesdale Ave. SW project, for \$327,491 in construction management services. Council concur.

Added Items

CAG 98-001, Oakesdale
Ave SW Extension,
Scarsella Bros

City Clerk reports bid opening on 1/15/98 for CAG-98-001, Oakesdale Ave. SW Extension; ten bids; engineer's estimate \$4,034,137.54; and submits staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Scarsella Brothers, Inc., in the total amount of \$3,718,436.38. Council concur.

CAG 98-002, New City
Hall Tenant Improvements,
Arango Const

City Clerk reports bid opening on 1/21/98 for CAG-98-002, Tenant Improvements for the new Renton Municipal Building; 14 bids; engineer's estimate \$2,765,054; and submits staff recommendation to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Arango Construction, in the total amount of \$2,918,442. Council concur.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY , COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ADDED ITEMS 9.i. AND 9.m., AND TO REMOVE ITEM 9.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

**Separate Consideration
Item 9.d.**

CAG 98-, Downtown
Piazza and Streetscape
Master Plan Landscape
Architectural Services,
Berger Partnership

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$55,580 with Berger Partnership for landscape architectural services for the Downtown Park (Piazza) and Streetscape Master Plan.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler asked whether the proposed scope of work for this contract has been reviewed by a Council committee. She also wanted assurance that citizens would be involved in the design for this project.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington confirmed that at least seven citizens, representing both Citizens for Piazza Renton and the downtown business area, serve on the design committee. Staff and the committee will monitor the work by the contractor, and the proposed design will be brought to Council for its approval. Mr. Covington offered to forward minutes of the committee meetings to Council for its information.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH BERGER PARTNERSHIP AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment Kirk -
World War II Memorial
Contribution Request

Correspondence was read from Richard L. Kirk, Chairman, Washington State World War II Memorial Fundraising Campaign, PO Box 41150, Olympia, 98504, requesting a \$5,000 contribution to support the memorial. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS**Community Services
Committee**

Parks Hydroplane Race at
Gene Coulon Park

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the recommendation of staff and the Park Board to allow a limited hydroplane race at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on April 25 and 26, 1998. The authorization is contingent on receiving approval from and coordination with the City of Renton Human Resources and Risk Management Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Coast Guard and the American Power Boat Association and any other agencies or departments as required. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ. CARRIED.**

**Planning & Development
Committee**

Development Services
Temporary Dwellings for
Medical Hardships

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to approve park trailers and recreational vehicles as types of temporary dwellings permitted in residential zones for cases of medical hardship. The City Council adopted an ordinance in December, 1995 allowing manufactured homes to be permitted as a temporary dwelling if an applicant demonstrates it as necessary to provide for daily care in the case of a medical hardship. The Committee recommended expanding this provision to allow park trailers and recreational vehicles to be included as types of temporary dwellings permitted for demonstrated cases of medical hardship. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 34 for ordinance.)

Development Services
Construction Mitigation
Measures (Formerly SEPA)

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding proposed amendments to the Renton Municipal Code which would codify construction mitigation measures regularly imposed through the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to codify typically-imposed SEPA mitigation measures. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 33 for ordinance.)

Development Services Sign
Code Amendments
(Electronic Msg Boards,

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding two proposed amendments to the Sign Code that would 1) allow larger

Automall Signage)

freestanding signs for auto dealerships located in the Automall area, and 2) allow for electronic message board signs in commercial and industrial zones. The Sign Code amendment to allow larger freestanding signs for auto dealerships located in the Automall is intended as an incentive for dealerships to locate to the Automall. It would essentially increase the maximum allowable size of freestanding signs by 50 square feet for these businesses. The amendment to allow electronic message board signs recognizes changes and advances in sign technology, and responds to the increasing demand for electronic message board signs. The Committee noted that a public hearing has been set for February 2, 1998. It requested that an ordinance be prepared for the proposed amendments. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested that between now and next week's public hearing, the City Attorney's Office research information relating to the concern that electronic message boards could conceivably broadcast material that might not be appropriate for children. She noted this issue involves First Amendment free speech rights as well as the City's interest in regulating signage and its content.

Finance Committee**Finance Vouchers**

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claims Vouchers #155110 - 155491; one wire transfer in the total amount of \$3,080,980.33; approval of Payroll Vouchers #157679 - 157937; and 606 direct deposits in the total amount of \$1,347,468.59. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Public Safety Committee**Legal Sitting or Lying on Public Sidewalks after 900 p.m.**

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the prohibition against sitting or lying down on public sidewalks in defined zones. The Committee met on January 12, 1998, to consider an ordinance amending the current prohibition against sitting or lying down on public sidewalks in defined zones between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., to extend the prohibition until midnight. The Committee discussed the fact that many businesses within the defined zones are open past 9:00 p.m. It felt that extension of the hours was necessary to keep the sidewalks free for use by patrons and employees of businesses within the defined zones. The Committee recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 34 for ordinance.)**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3301

Vacation Kirkland Pl NE
(Keller/Abrahamson, VAC-97-007)

A resolution was read setting a hearing date for February 16, 1998, to take testimony on the proposal to vacate the east 18 feet of the 2000 block of Kirkland Place NE (Keller/Abrahamson, VAC-97-007). **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL**

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.
CARRIED.

Resolution #3302

Finance Authorized
Banking Signatures

A resolution was read authorizing signatures for depositories and electronic fund transfers on behalf of and in the name of the City of Renton. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 2/02/98 for second and final reading:

Development Services
Construction Mitigation
Measures (Formerly SEPA)

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-10-12, 4-18-4, 4-32.6.H and 4-36-5 of Title IV (Building Regulations), and Section 8-1-4.K of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code by adding regularly-imposed SEPA mitigation measures as development standards. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/02/98. CARRIED.

Development Services
Temporary Dwellings for
Medical Hardships

An ordinance was read amending subsections 4-31-4.1.B.6, 4-31-4.2.B.6, 4-31-4.3.B.6, 4-31-5.B.6, 4-31-6.B.6 and 4-31-7.B.6 of Chapter 31, Zoning Code, of Title IV (Building Regulations) of City Code by adding park trailers and recreational vehicles as allowed types of temporary dwellings for cases of medical hardships. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/02/98. CARRIED.

Legal Sitting or Lying on
Public Sidewalks after 900
p.m.

An ordinance was read amending subsection 6-24-5.A of Chapter 25, Pedestrian Interference, of Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code by extending the prohibition on sitting or lying on public sidewalks until 12:00 midnight. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/02/98. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4699

Rezone Liberty Park, from
P-1 to CA, R-97-113

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 11.89 acres located at 1103 Bronson Way North (Liberty Park) from P-1 (Public Use) to Arterial Commercial (CA), File No. R-97-113. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #4700

Rezone Cedar River Trail
Park, from P-1 to IH, R-
97-114

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 9.34 acres located north of N. 6th St. (Cedar River Trail Park) from P-1 (Public Use) to Heavy Industrial (IH), File No. R-97-114. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #4701

Rezone King County
Drainage Channel (Monster
Rd) from P-1 to RC, R-97-
116

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 7.61 acres located at 600 Monster Road SW (King County Drainage Channel) from P-1 (Public Use) to Resource Conservation (RC), File No. R-97-116. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #4702

Rezone Wash St Drainage
Channel (Monster Rd) from
P-1 to RC, R-97-117

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 9,810 square feet located at 556 Monster Road SW (Washington State Drainage Channel) from P-1 (Public Use) to Resource Conservation (RC), File No. R-97-117. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

DRA Cessation

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested information from the Administration on the cessation of the Downtown Renton Association (DRA); specifically, on the status of the City's contract with that organization and how its equipment and assets will be divested.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment Adams -
Building Moratorium
Request (Newcastle Hook)

Gary Adams, City Councilmember and Mayor of Newcastle, confirmed Ms. Blakley's assertion that Newcastle sent a letter to the Boundary Review Board today stating its intent to annex the "hook" area. Admitting that this matter has taken an inordinate amount of time to resolve, he acknowledged this was because Newcastle's staff and elected officials are not familiar with the necessary process. Mr. Adams claimed that Newcastle's City Council has not viewed this matter as an opportunity to acquire more property from Renton than was agreed to last year.

Councilman Parker reiterated that Renton needs a formal resolution or other action from Newcastle's governing body stating its position on this issue.

Assistant City Attorney Fontes announced that Council could impose a moratorium by resolution next week if it wished, as long as it simultaneously established a date for a public hearing to take testimony on whether the moratorium should be continued. The public hearing would have to be held within 30 days of imposing the moratorium.

Mayor Tanner offered to consider imposing the requested moratorium next week if, in the meantime, Renton receives a resolution from the City Council of Newcastle agreeing to annex the "hook" area and requesting that Renton enact a building moratorium on the affected property.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON,
COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:48 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
1/26/98